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Timely Payment to Workers under MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any report has been received regarding delayed payment to workers under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) particularly by the various Post Offices in the country;

(b) the number of cases relating to delayed payment of wages reported under MGNREGS during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the action taken by the Government for timely payment of wages to workers under the said scheme and provisions made for compensation to workers for delayed payment of wages?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a): The beneficiaries holding account in post offices are paid through the e-FMS system by which credits are made to the accounts of the Head post-offices along with the list of the beneficiaries to be paid. The payments are then made to workers through sub-post offices and Branch Post offices. Since, Department of Posts is not fully on core banking solution like banks, the delay payments have been reported from the field level.

(b): As per Management Information System (MIS), State/UT-wise details of percentage of transaction paid with delay under MGNREGS during the last three years and the current year (as on 20.03.2017) is at Annexure.

(c): The following efforts have been made by Government to reduce the delays in payment of wages to the MGNREGA workers:

â€¢ The Ministry has introduced e-FMS system. Under this system, the expenditure is done by making e-Payments towards wage, material and administrative expenses.

â€¢ The Government has started National Electronic Fund Management System (NeFMS) in 21 States and 1 UT for direct payment of wages into workers account during current FY.

â€¢ The Government has started making the e-Payment through PFMS

â€¢ Dashboard to monitor pending FTOs at various levels.

â€¢ All cases of delayed payment attract compensation @ 0.05% per day of delay which is paid by the State Governments.